

REMARKS

This responds to the Restriction Requirement dated June 15, 2006 (hereinafter "Restriction Requirement").

Claim 31 is amended, claims 9 and 11 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 38-39 are added; as a result, claims 1-6, 8-24, and 27-39 are now pending in this application. Applicants submit that the additions to the claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and no new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the withdrawn claims in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

Applicants hereby respectfully request examination and allowance of pending claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12-24, and 27-39.

Election of Species:

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species I, drawn to "the inner electrode of figure 6." (Restriction Requirement, page 2). Applicants submit that claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12-24, 27-34, and 38-39 are readable on the elected species and respectfully request examination and allowance of the same.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute Species II and III, drawn to "the inner electrode of figure 7" and "the inner electrode of figure 8", respectively. (Restriction Requirement, page 2).

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 359-3276 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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